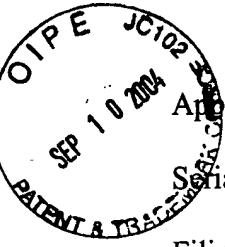


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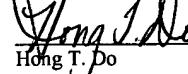
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In response to the outstanding Office Action issued May 11, 2004, Applicants Neil Brown & Karl Nesselrode hereby amend the above-referenced U.S patent application as follows:

- I. **Remarks** begin on page 2;
- II. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3;
- III. **Arguments** begin on page 9; and
- IV. **Conclusion** begins on page 12.